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— FOR THE —

Year Ending March 1st, 1885.

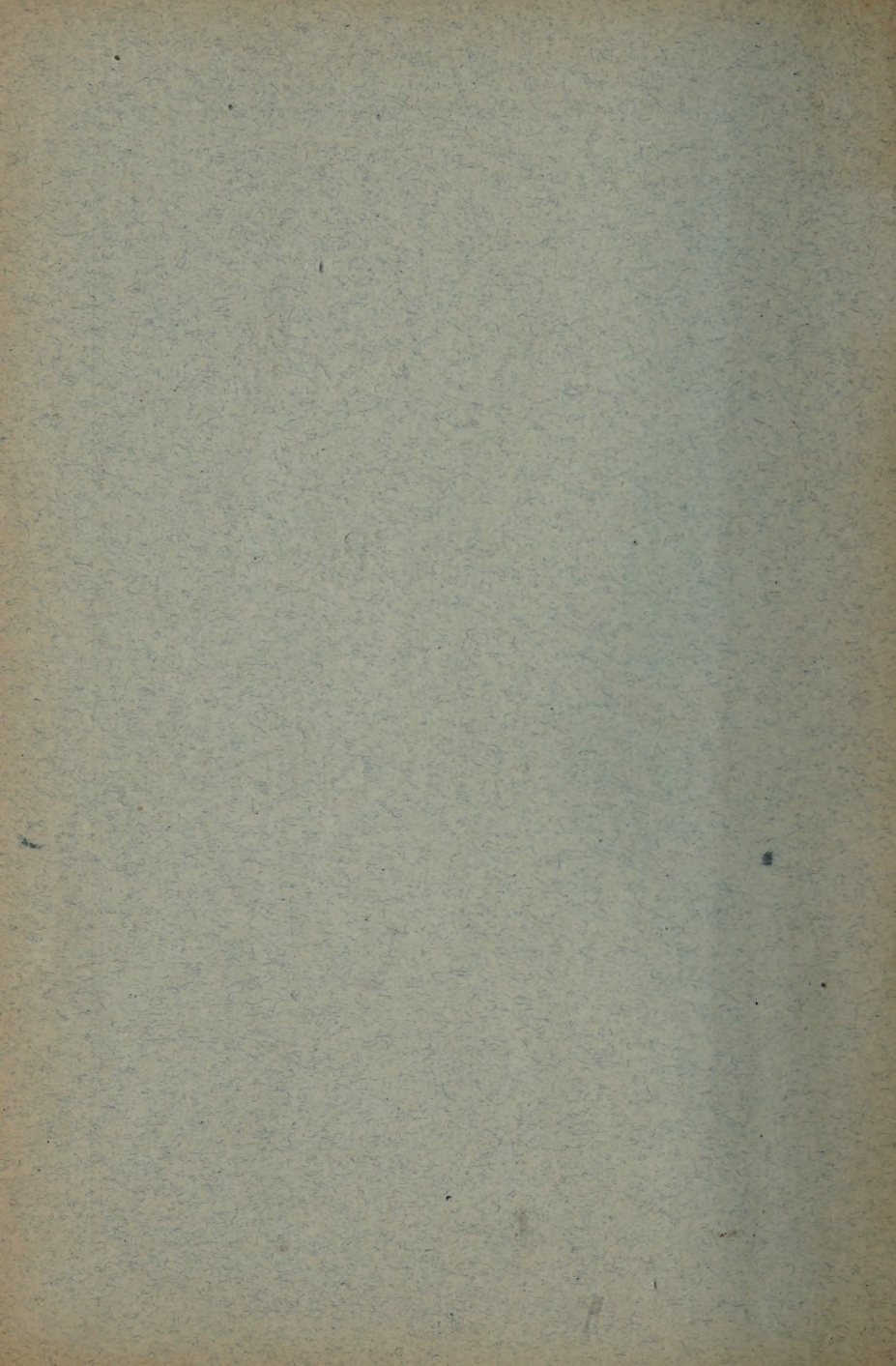
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=SELECTMEN'S REPORT.=

THE SELECTMEN IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF HOLDERNESS.

1884.		DR.
Sept. 19,	Received of Eben Stevens, Administrator of estate of Wm. E. Merrill, the amount willed the town by said Wm. E. Merrill,	\$100 00
1885.		
Jan. 14,	Received of State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	23 04
	“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	292 44
	Received of State Treasurer, Literary Fund,	82 88
	“ “ Woodchuck bounties,	74 80
		\$573 16
	Paid N. B. Whitten, Treasurer.	
1884.		CR.
Sept. 19,	Paid N. B. Whitten, Treasurer,	\$100 00
	“ “ “	473 16
		\$573 16
	By paying Town Expenses by Order.	
1884.		CR.
Mar. 10,	Paid Geo. F. Sanborn, for printing town re- ports,	\$15 00
Apr. 1,	J. B. Sanborn, for books and blanks,	5 66
May 3,	Wm. M. Wallace, for services as Super- visor, from Mar. 3, 1883, to May 3, 1884,	9 00
Jan. 31,	Geo. F. Cummings, for services as Su- pervisor, from Mar. 15, 1882, to Nov. 5, 1884,	6 00

1885.

Feb. 11,	Paid James L. Wilson, for consultation and advice,	\$2 00
12,	Wm. M. Wallace, for services as Supervisor, from May 4, 1884, to Nov. 5, 1884,	4 50
20,	Freeman L. Wallace, for services as Superintendent School Committee,	36 00
21,	Stephen Ethridge, car far to Concord to pay State tax,	2 70
	Stephen Ethridge, use of horse and carriage,	5 00
	Stephen Ethridge, cash expenses,	4 00
	“ “ services as Selectman,	65 00
	“ “ board of Town Officers,	16 00
	Daniel S. Hawkins, services as Selectman,	45 00
	Henry B. Jewell, “ “	50 00
	Nahum B. Shaw, services as Supervisor,	12 50
	“ “ Auditor,	3 00
	Town of Plymouth, 1-2 expense of lighting Pemigewassett bridge,	11 51
20,	N. B. Whitten, changing town notes and paying town debts, notifying jurors, expenses for the same, two guide boards, and glass for town house,	9 52
	N. B. Whitten, powder and fuse,	4 26
	“ “ stationery, treasurer's book and express, and use of room,	4 39
	N. B. Whitten, recording births and deaths,	6 60
	“ “ services as Treasurer and Clerk,	55 00
	J. B. Huckins, services as Collector,	70 00
	“ “ Moderator for Mar. and Nov. elections,	4 00
	J. B. Huckins, printing tax bills, for postage and stationery and town officer's book,	3 76
		<hr/> \$450 40

Roads and Bridges by Order.

1884.

May 30,	Paid Simeon D. Eastman, use of watering trough for 1884,	\$2 00
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June 6,	Paid James M. Shaw, lumber to repair bridge,	\$3 00
July 5,	" " labor on Shepard hill road,	1 50
	Perley E. Shaw, " "	3 00
	John B. Morse, powder and fuse used on Shepard hill road,	2 20
	Daniel C. Worthen, breaking road in Dis. No. 3,	3 90
	Augustus A. Greenleaf, breaking road in Dis. No. 10,	18 50
Aug. 5,	Enoch Cousins, 998 feet bridge plank and railing Owl brook bridge,	13 97
21,	Stephen D. Bennett, breaking and repairing the road,	12 70
Sept. 6,	Daniel S. Hawkins, labor, powder and fuse, and use of tools repairing Shepard hill road,	23 65
	John H. Morse, labor on Shepard hill road,	7 44
	Hiram Buzzell, " " " "	9 00
Oct. 10,	Henry C. Felch, use of watering trough for 1884,	2 00
Oct. 30,	Charles R. Berry, repairing road in Dis. No. 9,	2 00
Nov. 1,	Harrison Carr, use of watering trough,	2 00
4,	Charles M. Sargent, breaking roads in Dis. No. 3,	3 00
17,	T. B. Rogers, repairing the Mountain road in 1883,	6 10
29,	Charles H. Canney, 783 ft. pine plank Sweany bridge,	9 39
	Geo. W. Mooney, 400 ft. plank and timber to repair bridge,	4 71
29,	C. R. Cox, labor repairing Shepard hill road,	9 75
1885.		
Jan. 31,	Wm. B. Ames, 1,783 ft. bridge plank,	28 52
	Ebenezer Howe, labor and plank for highway,	4 65
	John S. Perkins, labor and timber repairing Squam bridge,	3 50
	M. M. Sargent, fencing town lot, care of town house and furnishing wood for town house,	8 00
	Moody C. Mudgett, use of watering trough, 1883,	2 00

Jan. 31,	Paid John S. Davison, use of watering trough, 1884,	\$2 00
Feb. 6,	Stephen M. Worthen, 51 cu. ft. hemlock timber to repair the Carr bridge,	4 00
12,	Wm. M. Wallace, finding guide board, post, and repairing the Mountain road summer and fall of 1884,	4 00
	Charles F. Smith, one day's labor on the new road,	1 25
20,	Henry H. Shepard, 487 ft. bridge plank, Benj. F. Mudgett, damage to plow, and furnishing plank and timber,	7 43
	O. H. P. Craig, use of water box, 1884,	4 00
	Almore W. Smith, use of watering trough, 1884,	2 00
21,	Stephen Dinsmore, breaking road in 1884,	1 00
	Nathan B. Sleeper, use of watering troughs,	2 95
	Henry B. Jewell, furnishing and putting up guide board post,	2 00
	Daniel S. Hawkins, damage to plow on highway, and use of watering trough for 1884,	1 00
	Nahum B. Shaw, use of watering trough for 1884,	6 81
		1 50

\$226 42

Sheep Damage by Dogs.

1885.		
Jan. 31,	Paid Calvin Huckins, one lamb killed,	\$3 50
	Ira M. Jones, two sheep, one lamb killed,	11 00
	Horace J. Beede, one sheep and one lamb killed, and one lamb damaged,	8 00
	John S. Davison, three sheep and three lambs killed, and one damaged,	26 00
Feb. 19,	Wm. H. Felch, two sheep killed,	8 00
4,	Perley E. Shaw, one sheep killed,	2 75

\$59 25

Woodchuck Bounties.

Paid on 753 woodchucks, \$75 30

School House Tax, District No. 2.

1884.		
Nov. 1,	Paid Willis H. Calley, balance of Dis. No. 2, school house tax, of 1883,	\$ 67

School House Tax, District No. 3.

1884.
Nov. 29, Paid Luther B. Sanborn, agent, \$30 00

School Money.

Paid the several school districts their school money, \$695 59
Literary fund, 41 41
Unexpended Literary fund of 1883, 42 04

\$779 04

Pauper Bills.

1885.
Feb. 20, Paid D. H. Cox, Overseer, \$340 61

RECAPITULATION.

Indebtedness of the Town March 1st, 1885.

Outstanding notes and interest, \$3,458 04
Literary fund due Districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 10 and 11, 42 03

\$3,500 07

ASSETS.

Due from County, \$41 22
Uncollected tax of 1884, 806 65
" " 1883, 70 19
" " 1882, 233 56
Money in town treasury, 340 12

\$1,491 74

Balance against the town, \$2,008 33

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN ETHRIDGE, } Selectmen
HENRY B. JEWELL, } of
DANIEL S. HAWKINS, } Holderness.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Overseer of the Poor, Collector of Taxes, for the year 1884, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NAHUM B. SHAW, Auditor.

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

JONATHAN B. HUCKINS, Collector of Taxes, in account with
the Town of Holderness, for the year 1884.

	DR.
To State, County, Town and School Taxes,	\$3,609 78
Non-resident Tax,	366 51
" Highway Tax,	325 20
School House Tax, Dis. No. 3,	30 74
Dog Tax,	78 00
Unworked Highway Tax of 1883,	189 20
	<hr/> \$4,599 43
	CR.
By paid N. B. Whitten, Treasurer,	\$3,792 78
Non-resident Highway Tax worked out,	224 70
Abatements,	39 84
" on dogs,	9 00
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Amount uncollected,	\$806 65

OVERSEER'S REPORT.

D. H. Cox, Overseer of the Poor, in account with the Town
of Holderness, from Feb. 1884, to Feb. 1885.

TO CASH RECEIVED AS FOLLOWS:

	DR.
1884.	
Mar. 29, To cash of Town Treasurer,	\$50 00
Apr. 25, " "	50 00
May 14, Cash of County,	122 11
June 14, Cash of Treasurer,	50 00
Sept. 1, " "	50 00
Oct. 9, " "	50 00
Dec. 20, " "	25 00
1885.	
Jan. 26, " "	50 00
Feb. 14, " "	15 61
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(8)	\$462 72

BY CASH PAID AS FOLLOWS:

1884.		CR.
Apr. 4,	C. Boynton, support M. J. Burley, five weeks to April 5,	\$13 75
	G. Morse, support of G. L. Drew, 4 5-7 weeks to April 4,	4 70
	B. Leavitt, support of M. Surrelle 8 weeks to May 13,	10 00
25,	A. E. Porter, medicines for I. W. Cox,	6 85
	" " " G. L. Drew,	35
May 6,	Dr. Garey, one visit to G. L. Drew,	1 08
	A. E. Porter, cough medicine for G. L. Drew,	35
	Dr. Spaulding, medical aid for I. W. Cox,	4 76
7,	G. Morse, support G. L. Drew, from April 4 to May 7, while sick,	20 00
9,	R. W. Ladd, coffin, robe and hearse,	14 00
10,	Dr. Huckins, for G. L. Drew,	1 58
15,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley six weeks to May 17,	15 00
24,	T. B. Sanborn, support of H. M. Horn, 10 2-7 weeks to May 13,	5 14
	L. B. Sanborn, digging grave for G. L. Drew,	1 00
June 14,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 4 weeks,	10 00
	Paid County money to Treasurer,	122 11
July 12,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 4 weeks,	10 00
Aug. 8,	" " " "4 wks to Aug. 9,	10 00
Sept. 1,	" " " " " Sept. 6,	10 00
Oct. 7,	T. Wilson, support of N. P. Huckins, from Sept. 15, to Oct. 6, 3 weeks,	4 50
9,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 4 weeks to Oct. 4,	10 00
Nov. 1,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 4 weeks to Nov. 1,	10 00
11,	T. B. Sanborn, support of H. M. Horn, 26 weeks to Nov. 11,	13 00
29,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 4 weeks to Nov. 29,	10 00
Dec. 16,	A. E. Porter, medicine for G. L. Drew,	45
20,	Simeon D. Eastman, support of Luther Webber, from Nov. 20 to Dec. 18, 4 weeks,	4 00
27,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 4 weeks to Dec. 27,	10 00
29,	C. T. Wilson, support of N. P. Huckins, 12 weeks to Dec. 29,	18 00

1885.

Jan. 15,	S. D. Eastman, support of Luther Webber, 4 weeks to Jan. 15,	\$4 00
24,	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, 4 weeks to Jan. 24,	10 00
Feb. 6,	T. B. Sanborn, support of H. M. Horn, from Nov. 11, to Mar. 1, 15 4-7 weeks,	7 80
	C. T. Wilson, support of N. P. Huckins, from Dec. 29 to Mar. 1, 8 5-7 weeks,	15 25
	C. Boynton, support of M. J. Burley, from Jan. 24 to Mar. 1, 5 weeks,	12 50
	S. D. Eastman, support of Luther Webber, from Jan. 15 to Mar. 1, 6 2-7 weeks,	6 28
	Postage and stationery,	52
	Horse and carriage out of town,	7 00
	Cash for expenses,	4 75
	D. H. Cox, services as Overseer of the Poor,	54 00
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		\$462 72

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. Cox, Overseer of the Poor.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer, in account with the town of Holderness, from Feb. 28, 1884, to Feb. 27, 1885.

1884.	DR.
To Balance on hand Feb. 28, 1884,	\$377 14
Received of J. B. Huckins, Collector,	3,722 45
" H. B. Greenleaf, Collector, 1882,	18 35
" Grafton County, by hand of D. H. Cox, Overseer,	122 11
" Wm. E. Merrill estate,	100 00
" Selectmen, Railroad Tax,	23 04
" " Savings Bank Tax,	292 44
" Literary Fund,	82 88
" Woodchuck Bounty,	74 80
	\$4,813 21

	CR.
By paid on town notes,	\$1,641 09
" orders,	1,925 56
State Tax,	452 00
County Tax,	454 44
Cash in treasury to balance,	340 12
	\$4,813 21

Town debt on outstanding notes, \$3,458 04

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. WHITTEN, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the accounts of N. B. Whitten, Treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

NAHUM B. SHAW, Auditor.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1. Two terms taught by Miss Sadie S. Huckings. Length of summer term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18. Whole number of pupils, 10; average daily attendance, 8. Number attending to reading and spelling 10. penmanship 7, arithmetic 9, geography 8, grammar 5, algebra and history 1. Length of fall term 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 12; average daily attendance, 10. Number attending to reading and spelling 12. penmanship 6. arithmetic 10. geography 9, grammar 4, algebra and history 1.

DISTRICT No. 3. Two terms. Summer term taught by Miss Mira C. Cox. Length of term, 5 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 15; average daily attendance, 13. Number attending to reading, spelling, arithmetic and penmanship 14, geography 9. Second term taught by Mrs. Laura J. Sanborn. Length of term 7 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 17; average daily attendance, 15. Number attending to reading, spelling, penmanship and arithmetic 17, geography 13, grammar 7, composition 6, algebra, book-keeping and physiology 1.

DISTRICT No. 4. Two terms taught by Miss Dora L. Berry. Length of summer term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$14. Whole number of pupils, 16; average daily attendance, 15. Number attending to reading and spelling 16, penmanship 11, arithmetic 8, grammar 1, geography, history and composition 3. Length of fall term, 8 3-5 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$15. Whole number of pupils, 20; average daily attendance, 15. Number attending to reading and spelling 20, penmanship 13, arithmetic 14, geography and history 3, grammar 1, composition 5.

DISTRICT No. 5. Two terms taught by Miss Emma R. Morse. Length of summer term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 21; average daily attendance, 17. Number attending to reading and spelling 21, penmanship 16, arithmetic 14, geography 7, grammar and history 2. Length of fall term, 7 1-2 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20. Whole number of pupils, 13; average daily attendance, 10. Number attending to reading and spelling 13, penmanship and arithmetic 11, geography 6, grammar 1.

DISTRICT No. 6. One term taught by Miss Emma R. Morse. Length of term, 7 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, register does not state. Whole number of pupils, 13; average daily attendance, 12. Number attending to reading and spelling 13, penmanship and arithmetic 8, geography 7, grammar 1.

DISTRICT No. 7. Two terms taught by Miss Mary E. Webster. Length of summer term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, with board, \$14. Whole number of pupils, 9; average daily attendance, 9. Number attending to reading and spelling 9, penmanship and arithmetic 8, geography 4, grammar 3, history 2. Length of fall term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18. Whole number of pupils, 12; average daily attendance, 11. Number attending to reading and spelling 12, penmanship and arithmetic 9, geography 7, grammar and history 2.

DISTRICT No. 8. Two terms taught by Miss Eva S. Lane. Length of summer term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$15. Whole number of pupils, 4; average daily attendance, 3. Number attending to reading, spelling and geography 3, penmanship and arithmetic 1. Length of fall term, 7 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$15. Whole number of pupils, 4; average daily attendance, 3. Number attending to reading, spelling, arithmetic and geography 4, penmanship 2.

DISTRICT No. 9. Two terms. Length of summer term, 7 weeks. First three weeks of term taught by Miss Martha Smith, when, owing to the sickness of her mother, she was obliged to leave the school, and the remaining four weeks were taught by Miss Annie Mack. Wages of teacher per month, with board, \$14. Whole number of pupils, 16; average daily attendance, 14. Number attending to reading and

spelling 16, penmanship and grammar 6, arithmetic 11, geography 4. Fall term taught by Miss Hattie E. Horne. Length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month, with board, \$13. Whole number of pupils, 17; average daily attendance, 13. Number attending to reading 17, spelling 15, penmanship 9, arithmetic 10, geography 6, grammar 7, physiology 2.

DISTRICT No. 10. One term taught by Mrs. Alice Burrows. Length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$16. Whole number of pupils, 5; average daily attendance, 5. Number attending to reading, spelling and penmanship 5, arithmetic and geography 4.

DISTRICT No. 11. Two terms taught by Miss Grace Curry. Length of summer term, 6 weeks; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$18. Whole number of pupils, 10; average daily attendance, 8. Number attending to reading and spelling 10, penmanship 2, arithmetic 4, geography 3, grammar 1. Length of fall term, 7 weeks; wages of teacher per month, \$18. Whole number of pupils, 7; average daily attendance, 5. Number attending to reading and spelling 7, arithmetic 5, penmanship and geography 3, grammar, history and composition 2.

—ROLL OF HONOR.—

DISTRICT No. 1. First term, Elinor J. Swett, Blanche Huckings, Wesley S. Swett. Second term, Blanche Huckings.

DISTRICT No. 3. First term, Charles H. Palmer, Myron L. Palmer, George S. Wiggins, Smith E. Worthen. Second term, Nona M. Sanborn, Addie E. Carr, Calvin J. Carr, Willie J. Carr, Fannie Worthen.

DISTRICT No. 4. First term, Tilden Evans, Viola Evans, Mary Evans, Frank E. Jewell, Emily Sargent, Ethel Sargent, Eva Sargent, Granville Sargent. Second term, Mary Evans.

DISTRICT No. 5. First term, Bertha Boynton, Marion Morse, Jessie Davidson.

DISTRICT No. 6. Herbert Mudgett, Willie Fernal, Thomas Batchelder, Joseph Batchelder, Emma Keyser.

DISTRICT No. 7. First term, Fannie Piper, Lydia Scruton, Joseph Scruton. Second term, Johnny Perkins, Susie Piper, Hattie Greener, Lydia Scruton, Joseph Scruton.

DISTRICT No. 8. First term, Georgia Jewell. Second term, Abbie Jewell.

DISTRICT No. 9. Number unknown, owing to the poor manner of keeping the record.

DISTRICT No. 10. Rosa Greenleaf.

DISTRICT No. 11. First term, Alice Cousins.

—REMARKS.—

The schools for the past year in Districts Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, and 9 the second term, and three weeks of the first term, have been a success, at least that is my opinion based on personal observation.

In District No. 7 the school was not as successful as it might have been, although I do not consider it the fault of the teacher. Miss Webster seemed to be a pains-taking, hard-working teacher, and deserved better success. But she had to labor with difficulties against which the best of teachers are powerless. A teacher, in order to have a successful school, should have the entire sympathy and help of the parents. Parents do very wrong to take the part of a child against the teacher. It will destroy the discipline of a school, and a school without discipline is not good for anything. It is a very rare occurrence for a teacher to punish a scholar when they do not deserve it. I know that I never was, nor, in fact, a great many times when I did deserve it.

In District No. 1 the school was injured by one or two unruly boys, too old to be scholars, but not old enough to know how to behave themselves.

In District No. 9 they gave the wood and board, and I find by the register that they gave the board for the summer term in District No. 7, and in No. 1 they gave \$5. in fuel to lengthen the term.

The only text-book changed the past year has been the arithmetic, which makes a uniformity of text-books of all kinds throughout the town. We now have a complete introduction of the latest and best text-books, and I see no need of changing any of the books for a number of years to come.

At March meeting, last spring, there was raised for the support of common schools in town, the sum of three hundred dollars; one hundred more than the previous year, yet, in spite of that fact, I find the aggregate number of weeks of school in town the past year is only one hundred and thirty-two, against one hundred and thirty-nine in 1883. One fact is evident from this, and that is, that the amount of school money is too small. One hundred and thirty-two weeks divided among ten districts, gives an average of a little more than thir-

teen weeks. It is an undeniable fact that our schools are growing shorter and shorter every year, and the only way to remedy this is to raise more school money. The town debt this spring will be only about three thousand dollars above the assets, and that is on three per cent. interest. Seems to me it would be just as well not to pay so much on the debt, and raise four hundred dollars in addition to what the law requires for school purposes. We should hardly feel the difference; for it must be evident that the one place where local taxation can be most forcibly urged is in behalf of the children. All men give money freely for what they love best; and surely the school tax should have in it most of the heart and mind of the people. There may be reasonable doubt concerning the outcome of expenditure for many objects of public concern, but no competent man for a moment will question the most generous investment in that education, which is the development of power and the training of every kind of ability that will insure the highest prosperity of every sort in the years to come; for public money wisely expended in a good school, is money loaned to the one creditor who always pays who inherits what we must leave, to whose charge must be committed everything for which men toil, suffer and fight in this world. The character of a town, a county, a generation hence is the character we pay for, by what we give the upper story of the child of to-day. To leave him in mental and moral darkness, ignorant, brutal, quarrelsome and shut up to his own little narrow life, is the surest way to blight the community to which he belongs. So every dollar wisely expended on the child is "treasure laid up in Heaven," and Heaven always pays compound interest. Whatever may be left undone by Nation or States, no community who understands its own interest will evade or resist the utmost possible sacrifice for that public education which pays everybody, as no other outlay does in this world.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. WALLACE, School Committee.

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